Statement showing the sources of information, the extent to which this work is based on others and the original portion of the thesis.

I. Source of information:

For this thesis, published works bearing on the archaeology and history of Baroda, Broach and Surat District by Burgess, Sankalia, Subba Rao and others as detailed in the preface and bibliography were consulted, while the original data was mainly gathered by field work spreading over a period of six years. In the field work about two hundred sites were visited, and excavations were conducted for about seven months. The material thus collected in the field along with a study of the temples and sculptures in situ, is analysed in this thesis.

II. The extent to which this work is based on the work of others

All earlier works are utilised in this thesis but it is based on the excellent studies of H.D. Sankalia published in the 'Archaeology of Gujarat' and 'Studies in The Historical and Cultural Geography and Ethnography of Gujarat'. His work 'Investigations into the Prehistoric Archaeology of Gujarat' was my chief guide in my researches on Prehistory. The earlier work of Bruce Foote was also consulted.

B. Subba Rao's work on the Mahi Valley was also very useful for noting the sites in that area and for correlating the prehistoric finds in my districts.

B. Subba Rao's 'Baroda Through The Ages' was an important recent work for the historical period in the Archaeology of
the Central and Southern Gujarat. The present writer took part in the excavations at Akota and Baroda as a Research Scholar and had an opportunity of studying the material.

III. Original portion of my thesis:

The thesis contains description of eight two new sites discovered by me. Besides this, it contains the description of the new coins, pottery, sculptures, stone implements, etc. as summarised in my Statement No. I, showing in what particulars my work is based on the discovery of new facts etc.

I have also tried to reassess the earlier work in the light of my researches during the course of discussion in various chapters of my thesis.

My thesis incidentally shows the importance of such regional studies in archaeology and for the first time discloses the vast amount of archaeological material lying in the Baroda, Broach and Surat districts, which was previously unknown to the historians and archaeologists. Western India, especially Gujarat and Saurastra deserve immediate attention in this direction.